

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-11 are pending herein. Claims 12 and 13 have been cancelled in favor of rewritten claims 1 and 6, respectively (claims 1 and 6 have been rewritten to include the subject matter originally recited in claims 12 and 13, respectively). Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

Entry of this Amendment After Final Rejection is proper under Rule 116 because the changes made to claims 1 and 6 place this application in condition for allowance.

1. Applicants appreciate the Examiner indicating that claims 12 and 13 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form and to overcome the §112, second paragraph rejection outlined below. Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1 and 6 have been rewritten to incorporate the subject matter recited in claims 12 and 13, respectively, and also to overcome the §112, second paragraph rejection outlined below.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1 and 6, and all claims respectively depending therefrom, are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued for this application in due course.

2. The §112, second paragraph rejection of claims 12 and 13 is noted, but deemed moot in view of the cancellation of those claims and in further view of rewritten claims 1 and 6 submitted above. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the above rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

3. The §103(a) rejection of claims 1-5 over Dunn in view of Seidner is noted, but deemed moot in view of rewritten claim 1 submitted above. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the above rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

4. The §102(e)[sic, §103)(a)] rejection of claims 1-11 over Gordon in view of Dunn is noted, but deemed moot in view of rewritten claims 1 and 6 submitted above. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the above rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

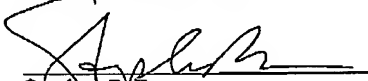
If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,

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